

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaims the months of May through December, 2003, as

Centennial of Flight Celebration Months

Whereas, On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers achieved the first powered flight of a "heavier-than-air" aircraft, and thus opened the door to some of the greatest accomplishments and events ever witnessed by human-kind in the past century; and,

Whereas, Since that date, Michigan, which also happens to be the birth state of aviation pioneer Charles Linbergh, has become a recognized leader in the aerospace industry. As home to the Ford Motor Company, founder Henry Ford understood that the Wright brothers' historic flight would lead to monumental changes in transportation; and,

Whereas, Henry Ford and his son Edsel B. Ford, laid the home to the aviation, including developing the world's first solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean; and,

Whereas, The Ford Motor Company has announced it is the presenting sponsor of the Experimental Aviation Association's (EAA) Countdown to Kitty Hawk Centennial Celebration, a traveling aviation program commemorating the centennial of the Wright Brothers first flight; and,

Whereas, The future of aviation is dependent upon a well informed and educated populace, and this celebration of powered flight is also a celebration of the ingenuity and creativity of Americans, as well as America's contributions to air and space flight; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the months of May through December 2003 as Centennial of Flight Celebration Months in Michigan.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Jennifer M. Granholm in black ink.

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

